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SUBJECT: CSCE: YUGOSLAV VIEWS

1. DURING OCTOBER 4 DINNER AT METROPOLITAN MUSEUM, CON-
VERSATION BETWEEN ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL AND YUGOSLAV
FOREIGN SECRETARY MINIC OCCURRED AS DESCRIBED IN FOLLOWING
PARAGRAPHS.

2. STOESSEL RECALLED HIS VISIT TO BELGRADE LAST YEAR
AND HIS CONSULTATIONS AT THAT TIME WITH DR. NINCIC CON-
CERNING CSCE. HE SAID WE HAD FOUND THESE USEFUL AND
APPRECIATED THE GOOD WORKING RELATIONS WHICH EXISTED
BETWEEN THE YUGOSLAV AND U.S. DELEGATIONS DURING THE PREPAR-
ATORY TALKS IN HELSINKI AND DURING THE CURRENT CSCE II TALKS
IN GENEVA. HE MENTIONED THAT DR. NINCIC HAD HOPED TO COME
TO THE U.S. SEVERAL MONTHS AGO FOR CONSULTATIONS BUT HAD
HAD TO CANCEL HIS PLANS. HE ADDED THAT WE WOULD BE PLEASED
TO CONSULT WITH HIM AT ANY TIME.

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3. MINIC SAID HE THOUGHT THAT IT WOULD BE VERY VALUABLE IF DR. NINCIC COULD COME TO THE U.S. FOR CONSULTATIONS ABOUT CSCE AND THAT HE WOULD LOOK INTO THIS MATTER AT ONCE UPON HIS RETURN TO BELGRADE. HE OBSERVED THAT, IN HIS VIEW, THE WORK IN CSCE II IS GOING TOO SLOWLY AND TOO MUCH TIME IS BEING WASTED ON PROCEDURAL QUESTIONS.

4. STOESEL COMMENTED THAT IT SEEMED INEVITABLE THAT PROGRESS ON CONCRETE ISSUES WOULD BE SOMEWHAT SLOW AT A CONFERENCE INVOLVING SO MANY COUNTRIES AND THE NEED TO RECONCILE VARIOUS POINTS OF VIEW. HE ALSO NOTED THAT CSCE I HAD PRODUCED A GENERAL MANDATE AND THAT NOW THE TASK WAS TO PUT THIS INTO SPECIFIC LANGUAGE; THIS WAS NOT AN EASY TASK AND WOULD TAKE SOME TIME. WE FELT THAT THE WORK OF THE CONFERENCE SHOULD PROCEED EXPEDITIOUSLY BUT IT SHOULD ALSO GIVE CAREFUL ATTENTION TO ALL ISSUES SO THAT THE END RESULT WOULD BE SATISFACTORY. HE ADDED THAT WE HAD NO PRECONCEIVED IDEAS ABOUT A TERMINAL DATE FOR THE CONFERENCE AND FELT THAT IT SHOULD GO ON AS LONG AS NECESSARY, ALTHOUGH IT SHOULD NOT BE PROLONGED UNDULY. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY EXPRESSED AGREEMENT WITH THESE REMARKS.

5. IN TAKING LEAVE OF THE FOREIGN SECRETARY, STOESEL MENTIONED AMBASSADOR TOON'S NAME, SAYING THAT HE WAS AN OLD FRIEND. THE FOREIGN SECRETARY SPOKE HIGHLY OF THE AMBASSADOR AND SAID HE VALUED HIS CONTACTS WITH HIM. KISSINGER

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